

## Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A data providing method for providing a purchaser with a first data, for which to make a purchase request of which is made by the purchaser, from a data providing system, ~~the data providing system comprising~~ having a data delivery portion for delivering the first data in order to provide the purchaser with the first data, and a data intermediate portion connected with the data delivery portion via a communication line, for intermediating between the data delivery portion and the purchaser, ~~and the purchaser having a purchaser rewritable record medium in which to record the first data, a second data and third data,~~ the second data representing an identification information of the purchaser and a the third data representing a including purchase information of for purchasing the first data ~~can be, recorded, by on the purchaser rewritable record medium as purchaser third data and registered for the purchaser in the data providing system as registered third data,~~ the method comprising:

retrieving the registered third data of the purchaser, ~~which is registered for every purchaser in from~~ the data providing system, based on the second data recorded in the purchaser rewritable record medium, when the purchaser makes the purchase request of the first data is made by the purchaser;

performing an accounting operation ~~for providing that provides~~ the purchaser with the first data when the registered third data ~~which is retrieved, is are~~ matched with the purchaser third data ~~which is recorded in the purchaser rewritable record medium, the purchaser third data including additional third data that represent the purchase information for purchasing the first data;~~

recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing that represent~~ the purchase information ~~of for~~ purchasing the first data, ~~when after~~ the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed; and

registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing that represent~~ the purchase information ~~of for purchasing~~ the first data, ~~when after~~ the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed.

29. (Currently Amended) The data providing method of claim 28, wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished~~, comprises recording the purchase information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information ~~which~~ includes an accounting information ~~representing that represents~~ the accounting operation; and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished~~ comprises registering the purchase information in the data providing system, the purchase information which includes the accounting information ~~representing that represents~~ the accounting operation.

30. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 29, wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished~~, comprises further includes recording the accounting information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the accounting information ~~which includes~~ each of

\_\_\_\_\_ a deposited money account information ~~representing that represents~~ an amount of money which is deposited for purchasing the first data;

\_\_\_\_\_ a paid money amount information ~~representing that represents~~ an amount of money which is paid ~~for purchasing to purchase~~ the first data; and

\_\_\_\_\_ a balance amount information ~~representing that represents~~ a balance after the first data ~~has~~ have been purchased; and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished comprises~~ further includes registering the accounting information in the data providing system ~~the accounting information which includes the deposited money amount information, the paid money amount information, and the balance amount information.~~

31. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished, comprises~~ further includes recording the purchase information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information ~~which includes a data specific information specifying the first data for which the accounting operation is finished~~ performed; and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data comprising~~ further includes registering the purchase information in the data providing system ~~the purchase information which includes the data specification information specifying the first data for which the accounting operation is finished.~~

32. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 31, wherein:

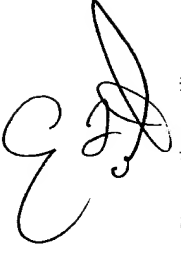
\_\_\_\_\_ the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when~~

~~the accounting operation is finished, comprises further includes~~ recording the purchase information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information-~~which includes a data specification information which includes:-~~ each of

\_\_\_\_\_ a having title information ~~for representing that represents~~ a title of the first data; -

\_\_\_\_\_ a<sub>1</sub> purchase price information ~~for representing that represents~~ a purchase price of the first data; and

\_\_\_\_\_ a purchase date and time information for representing a date and a time when the first data ~~is~~ are purchased; and

 the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished comprises further includes~~ registering the purchase information in the data providing system ~~the purchase information which includes the title information, the purchase information and the purchase date and time information.~~

33. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished, comprises~~ recording the purchase information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information ~~of~~ for purchasing the first data ~~which includes:-~~ each of

\_\_\_\_\_ an accounting information ~~for representing that represents~~ the accounting operation; and

\_\_\_\_\_ a data specification information ~~for specifying that specifies~~ the first data ~~when after~~ the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed; and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished~~ comprises registering the purchase information in the data providing system-  
~~comprises the purchase information which includes the accounting information and the data specification information.~~

34. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 33,  
\_\_\_\_\_ wherein  
\_\_\_\_\_ the step of retrieving the registered third data of the purchaser comprises  
retrieving at least one information from the accounting information and the data specification  
information, and

the step of performing the accounting operation comprises performing the  
accounting operation when the at least one information retrieved by the step of retrieving the  
registered third data of the purchaser is matched with ~~an~~ corresponding purchase information-  
~~which corresponds to the retrieved information and is of the purchaser third data~~ recorded in  
the purchaser rewritable record.

35. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28,  
wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data  
and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when  
the accounting operation is finished~~, comprises recording the purchase information in the  
purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information ~~which~~ includes: each  
of

\_\_\_\_\_ a title information ~~representing that represents~~ a title of the first data; ,

\_\_\_\_\_ a purchase date and time information ~~representing that represents~~ a date and  
time when the first data ~~is~~ are purchased; ,

\_\_\_\_\_a deposited money amount information ~~representing that represents~~ an amount of deposited money which is deposited for purchasing the first data;<sub>1</sub>

\_\_\_\_\_a paid money amount information ~~representing that represents~~ an amount of money which is paid ~~for purchasing to purchase~~ the first data;<sub>1</sub> and

\_\_\_\_\_a balance amount information ~~representing that represents~~ a balance after the first data ~~has~~ have been purchased; and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when the accounting operation is finished~~ comprises registering the purchase information in the data providing system ~~the purchase information which includes the title information, the purchase date and time information, the deposited money amount information, the paid money amount information, and the balance amount information.~~

36. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, wherein the step of performing the accounting operation comprises:

determining, with a determination process, whether or not the purchaser meets a predetermined data purchase requirement ~~or not~~, based on the second data; and

performing, with an accounting performing process, the accounting operation ~~when it is determined by the determination process~~ determines that the purchaser meets the predetermined data purchase requirement ~~is met~~.

37. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 36, wherein the step of determining, with a determination process, whether or not the purchaser meets a predetermined data purchase requirement ~~or not~~, based on the second data further comprises representing, with a data purchase requirement, an age ~~capable of purchasing~~ eligible to purchase the first data.

38. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium further comprises accumulating the purchaser third data in the purchaser rewritable record medium, and

the step of registering in the data providing system further comprises accumulating the registered third data in the data providing system ~~every time~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed.

39. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, further comprising recording a price information ~~for representing that represents~~ a predetermined price in ~~said~~ the purchaser rewritable record medium by ~~said~~ the data providing system, when said purchaser meets a predetermined money requirement.

40. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, further comprising controlling the registered third data, ~~which is registered in and the~~ purchaser third data providing system, such that the purchaser cannot rewrite the purchaser third data.

41. (Previously Presented) The data providing method according to claim 28, further comprising using the purchaser rewritable record medium that is a record medium having only a recording function as a function.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, further comprising registering the registered third data in the data delivery portion.

44. (Previously Presented) The data providing method according to claim 28, wherein the step of performing the accounting operation is performed by the data delivery portion.

45. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 44, wherein the step of retrieving the registered third data of the purchaser comprises:

transmitting, ~~with~~ via a transmission process, the second data and the purchaser third data recording ~~sed~~ in the purchaser rewritable record medium from the data intermediate portion to the data delivery portion via the communication line; and

retrieving, by the data delivery portion, via a retrieval process, the registered third data ~~registered in the data delivery portion~~, based on the second data transmitted by the transmission process, and

wherein the step of performing the accounting operation comprises:

determining, by the data delivery portion, via a determination process, whether or not the purchaser third data transmitted by the transmission process ~~is matched with the~~ retrieved third data retrieved by the retrieval process ~~or not~~; and

performing, by the data delivery portion, via an accounting performing process, the accounting operation ~~when it is determined by the determination process~~ determines that the matching is obtained purchaser third data match the retrieved third data.

46. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, further comprising registering the purchaser third data in the data intermediate portion to replace the registered third data.

47. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, wherein the steps of retrieving the purchaser third data and performing the accounting operation are performed by the data intermediate portion.

48. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28, wherein the steps of retrieving, performing, recording and registering ~~comprise using~~ are performed by a data processing apparatus as the data intermediate portion, ~~a~~ wherein the data processing apparatus is installed in a shop which sells the first data to the purchaser.

49. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 48, wherein:



the step of recording the first data in the purchaser rewritable record medium-  
~~the first data~~ comprises:

transmitting, via a transmission process, the first data from the data delivery  
portion to the data intermediate portion via the communication line ~~every time when~~ after the  
accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed; and

recording, by the data intermediate portion, via a record process, the first data-  
~~which is transmitted by the transmission process and the~~ additional third data ~~relating to the~~  
~~first data~~, in the purchaser rewritable record medium ~~every time when~~ after the accounting  
operation is ~~finished~~ performed; and

the step of registering in the data providing system comprises registering, by  
the data delivery portion, via a registering process, the additional third data ~~relating to the~~  
~~first data for which the accounting operation is finished~~ in the data delivery portion ~~every~~  
~~time when~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed.

50. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 48,  
wherein:

the step of recording the first data in the purchaser rewritable medium ~~the first~~  
~~data~~ comprises:

transmitting, via a transmission process, the first data from the data delivery  
portion to the data intermediate portion in advance of the step of performing an accounting  
operation; and

recording, by the data intermediate portion, via a recording process, the first  
data ~~which is transmitted by the transmission process and for which the accounting operation~~  
~~is finished~~, and the additional third data ~~relating to the first data~~ in the purchaser record  
medium ~~every time when~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed; and

the step of registering in the data providing system comprises registering, by  
the data delivery portion, via a registering process, the additional third data ~~relating to the~~

~~first data for which the accounting operation is finished~~, in the data delivery portion ~~every-~~  
~~time when~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed.

51. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 50,  
wherein the transmission process transmits the first data from the data delivery portion to the  
intermediate portion by distributing a data record medium in which the first data ~~is~~ are  
recorded, from the data delivery portion to the data intermediate portion, in advance of  
performing an accounting operation.


52. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 48,  
wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data  
and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when~~  
after the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed, comprises recording the purchase  
information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information-  
~~which includes an accounting information representing that represents~~ the accounting  
operation, and the accounting information includes ~~a deposited money amount information-~~  
~~representing that represents~~ an amount of deposited money which is deposited for purchasing  
the first data, ~~a paid money amount information representing that represents~~ an amount of  
money which is paid ~~for purchasing to purchase~~ the first data, ~~a balance amount information~~  
indicating a balance after purchasing the first data, ~~an accounting date and time information-~~  
~~representing that represents~~ a date and a time when the accounting operation is performed,  
and ~~a shop information representing that represents~~ the data sale shop where ~~a sale of~~ the first  
data ~~is performed~~ are sold, and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for~~  
~~representing the purchase information of the first data, when~~ after the accounting operation is  
~~finished~~ performed comprises registering the purchase information in the data providing  
system, wherein the purchase information ~~which~~ includes the accounting information, and the

accounting information includes the deposited money amount information, the paid money amount information, the balance amount information, the accounting date and time information, and the shop information.

53. (Currently Amended) The data proving method according to claim 48, wherein:



the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished,~~ performed comprises recording the purchase information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information-~~which~~ includes a data specification information specifying that specifies the purchased first data, and the data specification information includes a title information ~~representing that~~ represents a title of the first data, a purchase price information ~~representing that represents~~ a purchase price of the first data, a shop information ~~representing that represents~~ a shop in at which the first data ~~is~~ are purchased, a purchase date and time information ~~representing that~~ represents a date and time when the first data ~~is~~ are purchased, and ~~an~~ apparatus information ~~representing that represents~~ the data processing apparatus which writes the first data, and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed comprises registering the purchase information in the data providing system, wherein the purchase information-~~which~~ includes a data specification information specifying the purchased first data, and the data specification information includes the title information, the purchase price information, the shop information, the purchase date and time information, and the apparatus information.

54. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 48, wherein:

the step of recording in the purchaser rewritable record medium the first data and the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished,~~ performed comprises recording the purchase information in the purchaser rewritable record medium, wherein the purchase information-~~which~~ includes: each of

\_\_\_\_\_ a title information ~~representing that represents~~ a title of the first data;

\_\_\_\_\_ a<sub>1</sub> deposited money amount information ~~representing that represents~~ an amount of deposited money which is deposited for purchasing the first data;

\_\_\_\_\_ a<sub>1</sub> paid money amount information ~~representing that represents~~ an amount of paid money which is paid ~~for purchasing to purchase~~ the first data;

\_\_\_\_\_ a<sub>1</sub> balance amount information ~~representing that represents~~ a balance after purchasing the first data;

\_\_\_\_\_ a<sub>1</sub> purchase date and time information ~~representing that represents~~ a date and a time when the first data ~~is~~ are purchased;

\_\_\_\_\_ a<sub>1</sub> shop information ~~representing that represents~~ a shop in which the first data ~~is~~ are purchased; and

\_\_\_\_\_ an apparatus information ~~representing that represents~~ the data processing apparatus which writes the first data; and

the step of registering in the data providing system the additional third data ~~for representing the purchase information of the first data, when~~ after the accounting operation is ~~finished~~ performed comprises registering the purchase information in the data providing system, wherein the purchase information ~~which~~ includes the ~~the~~ title information, the deposited money amount information, the paid money amount information, the balance amount information, the purchase date and time information, the shop information, and the apparatus information.

55. (Currently Amended) The data providing method according to claim 28,  
wherein the steps of retrieving, performing, recording and  
registering are performed by a data processing apparatus as the data intermediate portion, a  
wherein the data processing apparatus installed in the purchasers side is associated with the  
purchaser.

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